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It is exciting to learn International Relations in theory as an instrument to understand the real world and then it's even more interesting to actually gain practical experience in the operation field. In this aspect, surrounded by International Organizations and UN affiliations, studying International Relations at Webster University in Vienna provided me with opportunities to closely experience the global society and it helped me to develop skills that are required to enter the international community. Webster's excellent curriculum and outstanding professors helped me to widen my view and encouraged me to integrate theory into practice, which has proven invaluable in my current career at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna. In fact, my Webster experience played a crucial role in directing my future career development to become a global leader.

Haewon Park, BA in International Relations '09

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International Relations

Acquire superior skills, insights, and experience for your future as a leader in international affairs



International Relations



Dr. Samuel R. Schubert
Department Head

Webster's Vienna campus is ideally situated in the heart of Europe where leaders and diplomats alike have met repeatedly over the centuries in pursuit of power and peace. Webster capitalizes on its ideal location with an exceptional program in International Relations that provides you the rare opportunity to study world politics with colleagues from various nationalities and backgrounds. Exposed to this diversity you gain valuable experience in tackling academic challenges, conducting analysis, solving problems, and learning diplomatic and team-building skills, thus preparing you for a career in the international diplomatic, commercial, and academic communities.

Our students benefit from a **strong scholarly tradition** based on rigid training in theory, methodology, and history. In addition to acquiring vital training in research design and political inquiry, the curriculum in International Relations (IR) at Webster's Vienna campus introduces students to a rich blend of the major issues of our day including the perpetual struggle of great powers politics, the dynamics of international political economy, emerging humanitarian issues, international aid, and the politics of economic development. From energy politics to terrorism, to the very future of the EU's democracy, Webster's IR graduates enter the world fully equipped to understand, explain, and professionally navigate the world of international politics.

This is due in large part to Webster's **outstanding International Relations faculty** - its core group of lecturers and professors being at the forefront of international academic research and teaching - that includes professors and directors from leading universities, research institutions, and from international organizations, all of which combine to provide diverse and lively debate and discussion. Their expertise is reflected in their basic and policy oriented research, which ranges from fundamentals such as democratic theory to quantitative methods, and from the new geopolitics of energy to international terrorism and the rise of non-state actors.

Through an extensive network of academics and practitioners, the faculty provides our students with the rare opportunity to meet some of the international community's most advanced researchers and high-level political leaders, diplomats, and Foreign Service professionals up close and personal. Current students and graduates alike cite these experiences as formative highlights of their education at Webster.

Finally, Webster's small classes and personal **'American style' educational environment** strongly support learning how to ask tough questions in international politics, and prepare students to investigate possible and often competing answers; and by requiring extensive writing and in-class debate, our students graduate prepared with the confidence and skills they will need to enter into and further their professional careers.

Career Opportunities

Webster's Vienna campus is unique in its access to many of the world's top international and non-governmental organizations. Our students frequently obtain prized internships before going on to work at organizations such as the United Nations (UN), the Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO). Others pursue top careers in politics, international business, and foreign affairs as well as become aid workers for governmental agencies and NGOs alike.

Webster's IR graduates are regularly admitted to prestigious post-graduate programs in Europe and the U.S., such as Oxford, Cambridge, the London School of Economics, Columbia, Johns Hopkins and Georgetown. Most importantly, our graduates leave with life-long friends and colleagues in countries, companies and governments around the world, an essential component of success in today's globalized world.

Program Description

Undergraduate Program/Major

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in International Relations

Undergraduate Minors

- History
- International Relations
- Political Science



Webster hosting the Vienna International Historic Model United Nations (HISTOMUN)



Dr. Kandeh Yumkella, Director General, UNIDO was Webster's Keynote Graduation speaker 2010



Professional seminar on Nuclear Non-Proliferation organized by Webster students

Degree Requirements, Bachelor of Arts

42 Required credit hours in the Major (14 courses)

27 General Education credit hours (9 courses)

59 Elective credit hours (20 courses)

Examples of Core Courses

- Introduction to International Politics
- Research Methods and Approaches in Political Science
- Introduction to Political Theory
- Theories of International Relations
- Introduction to Comparative Politics
- Politics in the Industrialized World
- Politics of the Developing World
- Political Ideologies in 20th Century Europe
- Introduction to International Law
- Introduction to Human Rights
- Theories of Human Rights
- Diplomatic History
- Conduct of Foreign Policy
- Principles of Microeconomics
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- International Political Economy
- International Affairs: European Integration
- International Security
- Environmental and Energy Security
- History of Human Rights
- International Organizations
- International Relations Seminar: Terrorism
- International Relations Seminar: Genocide

Examples of Elective Courses

- Current European and American Diplomatic Issues
- IR Seminar: Strategy and Games
- US Foreign Policy
- Advanced Studies in Comparative Politics
- Intermediate International Political Economy
- Non-governmental Organizations
- Multinational Corporations
- Economics of Development
- Comparative Economic Problems
- Global Journalism

Graduate Programs

- Master of Arts (MA) in International Relations
- Global Master of Arts (MA) in International Relations

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